



K- 8 Mandatory Uniform Dress Policy - BP/AR 5132.5

Each K-8 school in the District shall implement the K-8 Mandatory Uniform Dress policy. A plan shall be developed by each k-8 school for uniform dress including the color(s) for the uniform. The District recommends that a standard uniform of white tops and navy blue bottoms be considered to facilitate student movement from site to site within the District and to increase uniform availability, but sites are responsible for the color of uniforms selected. The Board must approve all school plans.

The school shall publish its plan in student and parent documents at the beginning of each school year to ensure that parents and student are clearly informed of dress and grooming requirements.

Determination of Colors and Standards

Each site may determine its own colors.

1.0 Model of dress for girls:

- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue shirts/blouses with sleeves and a collar, tucked in at the waist (not bloused)
- Navy blue, black, grey or khaki skirts, culottes, skorts, Bermudas, dresses with sleeves and a collar, jumpers, or slacks; no jeans
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue socks (at knee or below)
- Navy blue vests are permitted when worn over a blouse/shirt

2.0 Model of dress for boys:

- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue shirts with sleeves and collar, tucked in at the waist
- Navy blue, black, grey or khaki slacks or Bermuda shorts with waistbands no higher than two inches; no jeans
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt
- Plain white, black, grey, navy blue or royal blue socks (mid-calf or below)
- Navy blue vests are permitted when worn over a shirt

3.0 General Guidelines for School Attire:

1. Clothing must be free from tears, rips, holes, etc.
2. Clothing should not be oversized (*must fit appropriately*).
3. Pants must fit *appropriately*, cannot be oversized, and must be hemmed.
4. Socks will not be pulled up to meet bottom of shorts.
5. There should be no visible initials, insignias, pictures, or logos on clothing, except for Mendez school logos.
6. Shoes must be worn at all times and must be enclosed. Steel toes or western-type boots are not to be worn.

7. Colored or thick shoe laces, and black gloves are not permitted. Shoes and laces must be neutral in color: black, white, beige, brown, grey, navy blue or royal blue
8. Hats, bandanas, hair nets, and other head gear such as beanies are not permitted. Only those students, with the approval from the principal because of medical/religious purposes, may have an exception. Hoodies worn over the head may be permitted during inclement weather.
9. Hats are not to be worn indoors. No ball caps other than a school issued ball cap.
10. Visible jewelry is limited to small watches, rings, necklaces, and bracelets; earrings should be a small stud or a hoop no larger than a dime. Wallet chains, and/or spiked and sharp jewelry are not allowed.
11. Gang slogans and graffiti will not be allowed on backpacks or purses.
12. No shirts with gang, drug, graffiti or sexual connotations including OC or SA in old English lettering.
13. Jerseys or shirts with team logos are not allowed.
14. No belt buckles with logos or initials (including anything related to weapons, drugs, or of a sexual nature) are allowed.

An occasional “spirit day” may be declared by the site, at which time students may choose to wear school logo shirts, spirit shirts, or special activity shirts.

- 4.0** Parents who choose not to have their students wear uniforms may be exempt from this policy by:
- a) requesting an exemption form in the local school office;
 - b) completing the application; and
 - c) submitting it to the designated administrator at the student’s school.